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The 1740

EAGLE

AMERICANA SHOP & GUN MUSEUM

IN HISTORICAL LANCASTER COUNTY

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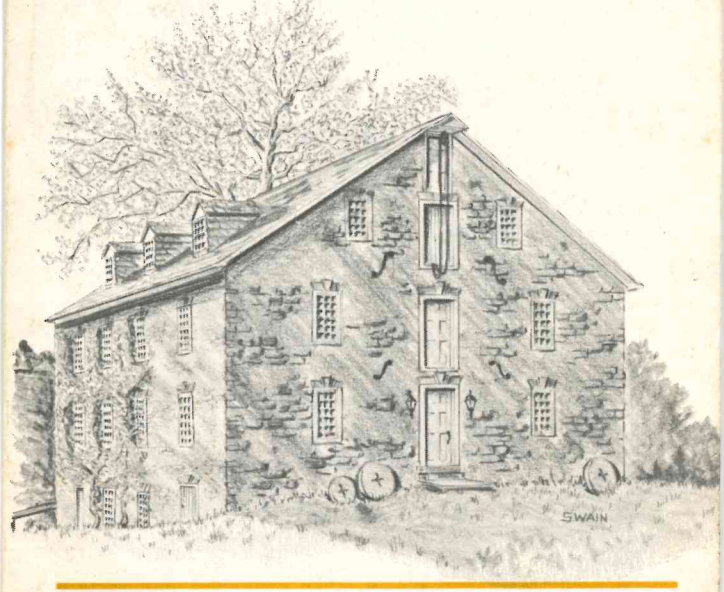
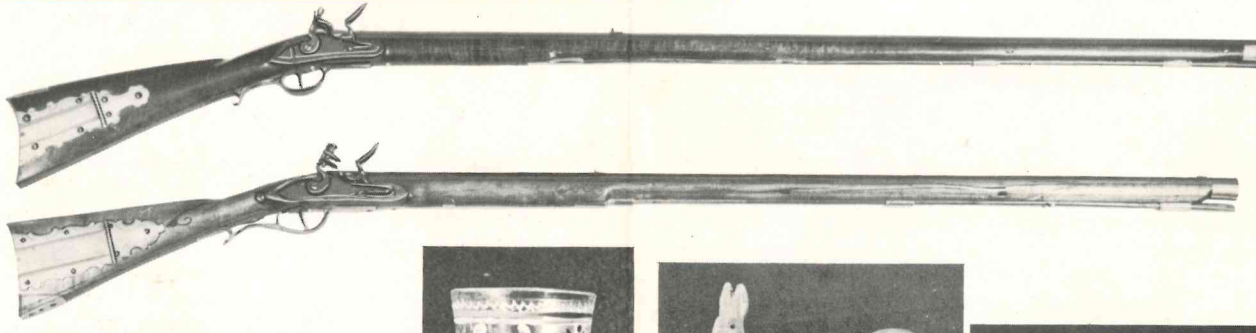
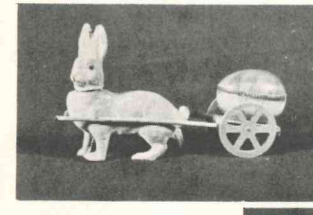
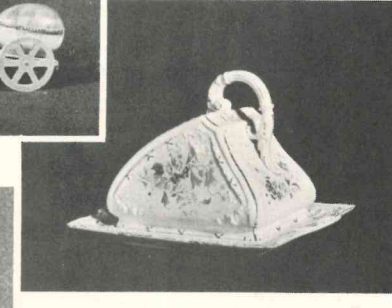


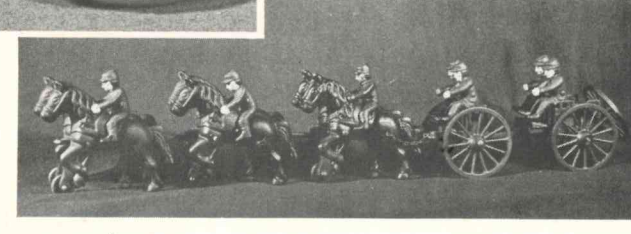
ROUTE 741 • WEST OF STRASBURG, PENNA.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE. Fe people realize that the superbly acc rate, beautifully made, misname "Kentucky" rifles of early American history we developed in Southcentral Pennsylvania. Here, in th Lancaster County area the gunmaker's art and supe craftsmanship reached its peak in the era betwee 1725 and 1875 – close of the flintlock and percu sion period. More than 300 gunsmiths are known t have made rifles in Lancaster county alone durin this period. Early settlers depended on the Pennsy vania Rifle for their very survival. These same rifl won the French and Indian War in 1750. It was th superior firepower, greater range and extrem accuracy of the Pennsylvania Rifle that outgunne the British from Lexington to Yorktowne to wi freedom for the American Colonies. Later, thes handsome long guns saw action in the War of 181









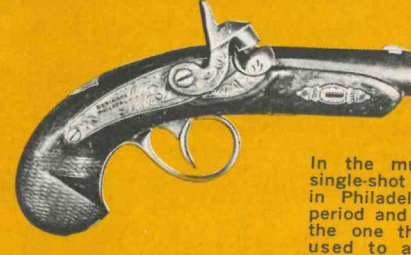
Pictured here are just a few examples of the extensive collection of fine early authentic glass, china, pewter, toys, weapons and many other items that were used when our nation was young.

in the Mexican War, and in our long and bitter Civil War. When America moved west, it was the Pennsylvania Rifle that pushed our frontiers toward the Pacific.

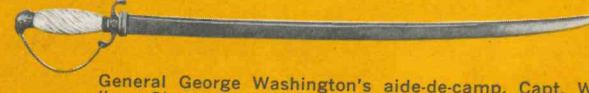
The long slender rifled barrels of the Pennsylvania Rifles were hand-forged from iron bars produced with ore from local iron mines; barrels were slowly and carefully rifled on primitive but efficient rifling machines made of wood. The long guns were stocked with native wood, usually curley maple, chosen especially for its decorative grain. Stocks ranged from simple, functional, unadorned shapes to intricate forms embellished with carved designs that were often quite beautiful.

Today Pennsylvania Rifles, flintlock and percussion models alike, are highly sought after collector's items.

Serial number on this Colt .45 indicates it was from the same production run as the weapons sent to General George Custer in the western territories.



In the museum you'll see this single-shot Deringer. It was made in Philadelphia during the same period and by the same maker as the one that John Wilkes Booth used to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.



General George Washington's aide-de-camp, Capt. William Slaymaker of Lancaster, once owned and wore this "Hanger" dress sword. It is one of many rare pieces on display in the Gun Museum.

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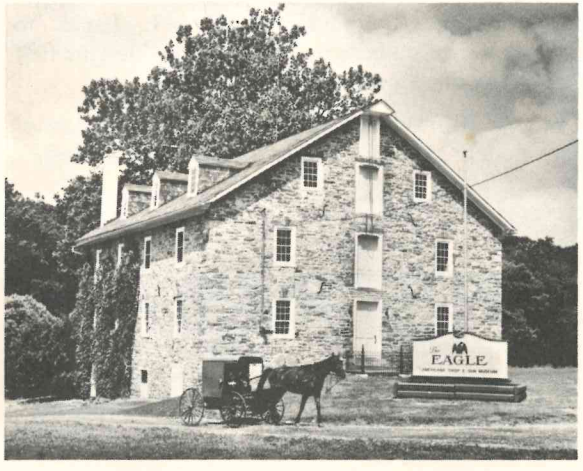
The old stone mill, known locally as the Herr Mill, was built about 1740 by John Herr, a relative of Hans Herr, Lancaster's first settler. The land grant is recorded in the year 1710. It is one of the oldest mills in the county and, in its day, is known to have produced flour, grist, corn meal and whiskey; it also produced electric power for Strasburg and Quarryville



before the turn of the century. The Museum now houses a private collection of very fine early and authentic glass, china, wood, iron, tin, toys, coins, bottles and hundreds of items interesting to all ages.

Also one of America's most complete collections of early Pennsylvania (misnamed Kentucky) rifles. Weapons, firearms and gun accessories of all periods, from the crossbow to World War II ordinance, are on exhibit. These have been collected by Vincent W. Nolt, nationally known collector and authority on weapons.

The Americana Gift Shop, under direction of Helen S. Nolt, offers for sale an unusual selection of gifts, decorator pieces and exquisitely made reproductions. Here you are sure to find the appropriate gift for that "hard to please" special someone.

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OPEN DAILY — April, May, June, Sept., Oct. 10 to 5
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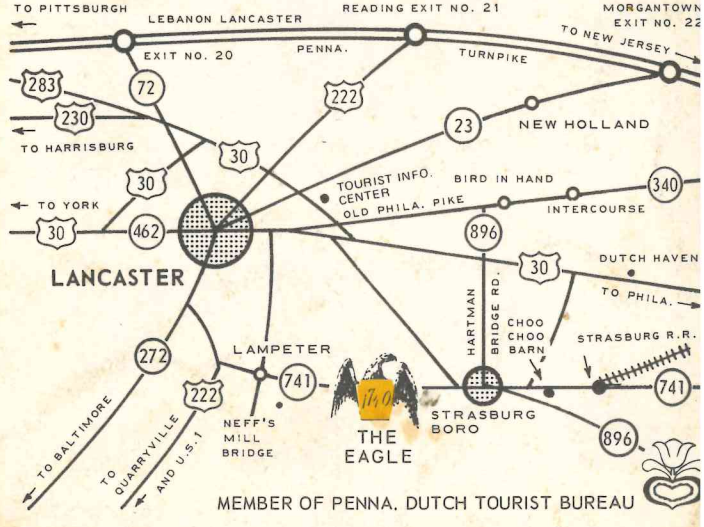

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